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Personals.

Sam Colt was stepped on by a horse a short time ago and had to be carried to his home.

Miss Doris Young received 7 valentines, last month.

Harry A. Dann, JUNIOR, received 2 valentines.

Arthur and John Smiley live on Lombardy St. now.

The Boys' Club had a basketball game at the American Hotel, on Wednesday, Mar. 1st., with the German Juniors, of Buffalo. The visiting team was much smaller than ours, and as a result the score stood 65 to 15, in our favor. The visitors played well, considering their size.

The Boys' Club met on Mar. 2nd. and had a debate on the subject, "Resolved: That Long Pants are Better than Short Ones." The sides were:

Affirmative,- C. Irish, D. DeCow, H. Eiss.

Negative,- R. Hummell, F. Bell, R. Heim.

The Negative won.

George Davis was present at the Inauguration of President Roosevelt in Washington.

Marshall Jackson was 1 year old on Tuesday, Feb. 28th., and a party was given him in honor of the occasion. The guests present were: Florence Turbane, Wilmay Murchison, Maurice Murchison, Emma Louise Shepherd, Helen Cushing, and Helen Cant. After playing a short time, the guests were served with a beautiful repast. In the center of the table was a birthday cake, with one candle and the date upon it. Small cakes were on the table, flags floating from each. A pretty souvenir was at each place. Altogether it was one of the most successful and brilliant events of the season.

Andrew Mueller, who has moved here recently from Chicago, was held up while in that city, and had his hand cut.

Edward Smythe Welch, of New York, received 7 valentines.

George Davis was home for a short time, recently.

Miss Calkins, the preceptress of the High School, was sick for some time this month and was unable to attend to her duties. During her illness Miss Fisher took her place.

Summer and baseball are coming. Cheer up!

Marble Season seems to have opened early, this year. The air is thick with them.

The Boys' Club Basketball Team had a game with the Ellicotts of Buffalo, Tuesday evening, March 14. The Ellicotts were so late in showing up, (9:15,) that the guests had all departad when they arrived. The score was 45 to 14, in our favor.

Dora Sheffler is visiting her sister this winter. While away she will attend school.

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Nihil, a Nemine.

The winter's done, and spring is here,
The brightest part of all the year,
The street's too wet for any fun,
The waters into cellars run.

The sun comes out, the day is bright,
But in the middle of the night,
The cold comes on, the water freezes,
And through the air rush winter breezes.

Tin cans appear beneath the snow,
The winter breezes cease to blow;
The prophets say 'twill rain no more,
But they get left; it starts to pour!

No more of this I'll need to say,
For you can see it every day.
We think of beauties of the spring,
But when it comes, it's another thing.

Very True.

The following inscription appears on a smoking set we saw not long ago: "The Indian and his Pipe of Peace are slowly passing 'way; but the Irishman and his Piece of Pipe have come to stay!"

Plum Bottom.

Lancaster is not without its awe-inspiring sights. We mean in the way of natural scenery; (there are other kinds also.) One of these is the Annual Rising of PLUM BOTTOM CREEK. This beaufiful and picturesque stream, as it wends its peaceful way through our back yards, is usually as quiet as a lamb. Far more so. A lamb is often frisky. But Plum Bottom is quiet and well-behaved. The old shoes and tomato cans that repose on its bottom are scarcely moistened by the gentle trickle of water between them.

But Plum Bottom has great latent possibilities. When the snows melt, and the spring rains come, what a transformation we behold! Plum Bottom rises in its might. Torn from their places of slumber, the cans and shoes are whirled madly onward, with a speed like that of the midnight train on the Erie R. R. School children stand on the Clark St. bridge, (that marvel of engineering skill,) and gaze on the mighty mud-colored billows. It is said that at this place the water is sometimes actually 2 feet deep. Much has been written about the power of the rapids above Niagara Falls, but language must fail in the attempt to describe the terrible rush of the Plum Bottom waters.

Came by it Naturally.

Vincent was altogether too garrulous in school to please his teachers. Such punishments as the institution allowed to be meted out were tried without any apparent effect upon the boy, until at last the headmaster decided to mention the lad's fault upon his month's report.

So the next report to his father had these words:

"Vincent talks a great deal."

Back came the report by post, duly signad, but with this written in red ink under the comment:—

"You ought to hear his mother!"

—Stray Stories.

To our Subscribers.

NOTICE: A good many of our subscriptions ended with the February number. We shall be glad to have them renewed to August of this year, which will be our last number, as already announced. From February to August, inclusive, 10 cents. If subscribers who receive the KID by mail find this paragraph marked, it means that their subscription ended with the February or this (the March) number.

Some Jokes.

We have received the following jokes from one of our subscribers. They are taken from the book, "On a Slow Train Through Arkansas."

The train was a very slow one, and stopped at almost every house. One of the passengers tried to commit suicide. He ran down the track for about a mile and lay down, but he starved to death before the train got there!

We had a narrow escape of being killed. Just as we got on the middle of a high bridge the engineer discovered it was on fire, but we went right across. Just as the last car got over, the bridge fell. I said, "Conductor, how did we ever get across without going down?" He said, "Some train robbers held us up!"

There was a lady with a baby on that train. When the conductor asked her for her ticket she said the baby had swallowed it. So the conductor punched the baby!

One fellow in excitement drank a cup of yeast, thinking it was buttermilk. He rose immediately!

If money burns a hole through your pockets, why not have them lined with asbestos?

LOST: One day of vacation, on February 22nd., Washington's Birthday. Any one who can return this (or any other day as an equivalent,) will be suitably rewarded. No questions asked.

FOUND: A lot of bad weather that belongs somewhere else. Owner may have it, and welcome. No charge for this advertisement.

There's a Boy in the House.

A gun in the parlor, a kite in the hall,
In the kitchen a book, and a bat, and a ball,
On the sideboard a ship, on the bookcase a flute,
And a hat for whose ownership none could dispute;
And out on the porch, bravely prancing no-where,
A spirited hobby-horse paws at the air;
And a well polished pie plate out there on the shelf,
Near the tall jelly jar which a mischievous elf
Emptied as slyly and slick as a mouse,
Make it easy to see There's a Boy in the House.

A racket, a rattle, a rollicking shout,
Above and below and around and about;
A whistling, a pounding, a hammering of nails,
The building of houses, the shaping of sails,
Entreaties for paper, for scissors, for string,
For every unfindable, bothersome thing;

A bang of the door, and a dash up the stairs,
In the interest of burdensome business affairs;
And an elephant hunt for a bit of a mousa,
Make it easy to hear there's a Boy in the House.

But oh, if the toys were not scattered about
And the house never echoed to racket and rout;
If forever the rooms were all tidy and neat
And one need not wipe after wee muddy feet;
If no one laughed out if the morning was red,
And with kisses went tumbling all tired to bed;
What a wearisome work-a-day world don't you see,
For all who love little wild laddies 'twould be;
And I'm happy to think, thoug I shrink like a mouse,
From disorder and din—there's a Boy in the House!

—*Selected.*

The Woeth of Thuthan Thmith.

My fatherth name ith Mithter Thmith,
And mine ith Thuthan Jane;
I lithp between each other word,
And then I lithp again!

My brother joketh me all the time,
I try with might and main;
It grieveth me when I thay it,
But I alwayth lithp again.

I lithp all day, I lithp all night,
Next day I do the thame,
I have the nightmareth 'bout the lithp,
But I alwayth lithp again!

A Valentine Party.

Miss Gladys Davis gave a valentine party at her house on February 13th. There were 16 boys and girls present. Many games were played and prizes were given. A beautiful luncheon was served at about six o'clock. The table was handsomely ornamented. In the center was a large basket containing favors attached to ribbons, the ribbons leading to each plate. At the end of the luncheon, each one pulled on his ribbon and obtained the favor. More games were played, and then the party broke up, all the guests having had a fine time.

"The Long and the Short of It."

At the first meeting in March, of the Boys' Club, it was decided to postpone the regular debate, (on the Monroe Doctrine,) as more time for preparation was asked, and the members started in to have some fun with an impromptu debate on the subject: "RESOLVED: THAT LONG PANTS ARE BETTER THAE SHORT ONES." The discussion became very lively, the speakers being on the lookout for every point that could be offered or answered.

Some of the arguments brought up on the affirmative were: courage in daring to wear them; a more manly appearance; and the fact that, as you must wear them sooner or later, you might as well get used to it; also that long trousers are warmer and more comfortable.

The Negative denied up and down that they looked better; maintained they looked much worse, as they bagged at the knees, and got muddy at the bottoms; that for athletics they were no good, etc.

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